

PLATFORM MERELY THING TO GET IN ON

That is What It is Used for by
the Democrats It
Now Seems.

(By Charles Brooks Smith.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—That a party platform is a thing to get in on and not necessarily to stand upon this administration is proving every day. As a candidate for the presidency Woodrow Wilson began to interpret the Baltimore convention document to conform to the shifting sentiments of a campaign. In that period he took liberties with the tariff plank. It will be recalled that he assured the business men of the country to be of stout heart and good cheer that no legitimate business interest of the country would be injured by tariff reductions. What happened may be debatable in the minds of some, but not in the minds of the best sugar manufacturers in the West or cane sugar growers in Louisiana. The farmer knows that something has happened to reduce the prices he is getting for wool and live stock. The pottery and glass men know that imports are steadily rising higher and higher, with almost a corresponding decrease in our export trade. Last month a deficit of twelve million dollars, and so on. And why not be optimistic.

You remember how stoutly that Baltimore platform protested against the establishment of a central bank, yet that is what the new currency act creates. Quite staunch and explicit, indeed, was the pronouncement in favor of free tolls at Panama for American coastwise shipping. Now the administration reverses that pledge, and under the spur representatives and senators of the dominant party are trying to get in line with the new position to be taken by the party on this matter. Our own Senator Chilton who, three weeks ago was quoted by the Washington paper as opposing the president's views on this matter of tolls, is again quoted by the same paper as favoring them. He has seen the light. The hold-up of Ned Smith's appointment of marshal in the Northern district may not have a bearing on this statesman's reversal of opinion.

Also, it will be remembered that the Baltimore platform declared in strong language that there should be given the fullest publicity in connection with the appointment of federal judges. Prior to that platform declaration the Democrats in Congress had verbally harpooned the Republican party for opposing that proposition. Within the last few days he have seen that situation just reversed. It is the Democrats now who go back on their record and on their party's platform on that question.

In less than a year the party in power has repudiated a number of its most important platform planks. At that rate of progress, the platform in its entirety ought to be completely repudiated by its authors and sponsors by, say, along about the holidays of 1915.

BANKS

Petition the Federal Congress
to Amend the New In-
come Tax Law.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Petitions are being circulated among the banks of West Virginia asking Congress to amend the income tax law to provide for a method of "information at the source" in lieu of the present provisions of "collection at the source." A number of these petitions have already been signed and sent in. Three of them have been received by Representative Sutherland. One is signed by six banks and trust companies of Huntington, the others by banks at Elm Grove, Oak Hill and Renick.

The printed preface of the petition says: "The present method of collection at the source, adds many unnecessary complications to bond holders and other investors. It has caused enormous loss to the expense of banks, bankers and trust companies and the labor in investigating and making returns will yearly cost the government vast sums of money, all of which can be avoided. The present law provides that the tax shall be collected first

and assessed afterward. The tax is collected on the gross income and is later assessed on the gross income less certain deductions which are allowed, so that refunds will be necessary on a very large proportion of the returns of individuals. Under a plan of information at the source, all of these complications are unnecessary expenses aggregating up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, will be eliminated and the government will be in possession of more information for the verification of the returns of individuals and corporations than under the law as it now stands."

The petitioners ask further that "in the event that the law is not speedily amended as above, then an appropriation be made by Congress for the reimbursement of banks, bankers and trust companies for the extra expenses to which they are subjected in acting as agents for the government in the collection of the income tax." Attention is called to the fact that the banks have done everything possible to cooperate with the government in putting the law into operation, without waiting to determine who is to pay this extra expense, and asks to have this fact recognized by Congress and afford the petitioners relief in this respect as soon as possible.

WESTON

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)
WESTON, Feb. 13.—John J. Talbott, who recently resigned his position as assistant postmaster to accept a place as bookkeeper with a dairy company at Bellaire, O., is home packing his household goods preparatory to moving his family there. They will leave the last of the week. Mr. Talbott is succeeded in the local postoffice by Earl Regier, and the general promotion of clerks is followed by the appointment of Franz L. Rastie, a well known young teacher of the county, as a substitute. Mr. Rastie has entered upon his duties.

H. C. Lawson, a Civil war veteran and one of the best known citizens of the Berlin community, is very ill, and the word which comes from his bedside is that he can live but a short time. He belongs to one of the large and excellent families of Hacker's Creek district.

A little daughter of Berlin Blake, of Homewood, died a few days ago of scarlet fever. The child suffered with mumps, and there are many cases of them in that suburb.

Other recent deaths in the county were those of the Rev. J. H. Nestor, of Lane Lew; Mrs. Thomas Gillooly, of this city; and Vincent Hayden, a native of this county who died in California. He was a nephew of the late J. M. Hayden.

Martin J. Whelan, a former resident of this county, and at one time a deputy sheriff under Charles A. Hornor, is here, having been called from his home in Texas because of the death of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Gillooly.

W. P. Stewart, formerly train master here, was here this week from Grafton.

VALUE OF RHEUMA FROM THE COURT

Judge Barhorst Was Relieved of
Rheumatism After Doctors
Failed.

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Constable Morgan A. Strader was at Cincinnati, O., the first of the week. He brought home with him his sister-in-law, Miss Annie Thompson, of Middlebourne, who had been taking treatment at a hospital there. She will spend a month with her sister here. Miss Ada Thompson, another sister, is also with them here.

Revival services continue at the Methodist Episcopal and United Brethren churches.

Justice Alvin D. Bassell, of Lost Creek, was here recently.

Announcement is made that the Rev. J. E. Wilson, of Buckhannon, will preach at the local Methodist Protestant church at the morning and evening services Sunday, February 22.

The Revs. Messrs. Snyder and Sharps, of the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal churches, respectively, are conducting special revival services at Vandalla, and like union services are being held by the Revs. Messrs. Bramlette and Pritchard at McCann's run, the Methodist Episcopal and United Brethren people being united in the effort.

For Mary Ann Hinson and Miss Genevieve Hardman, both of this city, went to Oakland, Md., to be married. Both are of legal age, and the going to Oakland was unnecessary, save for the sake of romance.

GERM

Study Shows That Same Disease Has Different Effects on Different Plants.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—One summer Department of Agriculture pathologist was walking through a sugar-beet field in Utah and saw a patch of leaves, spotted and blotched with black irregular spots. He had seen many beet fields and was familiar with the common leaf diseases, but these black spots were new to him. He picked a number of the leaves and sent them to Washington to have one of his laboratory assistants examine them and if possible find the cause of the trouble.

It so happened that about a month before this, a man who was interested in growing nasturtiums in Virginia found many of the leaves of his nasturtium bed affected with watery spots. He watched them and found that after a few days the spots turned brown and later the tissue fell out.

He thought perhaps someone interested in plant pathology would like to examine the leaves and might be able to tell him what the matter was and what to do for his plants. So he sent them to the Bureau of Plant Industry. Another laboratory assistant examined these leaves and found the cells in the diseased places were with bacteria which were very active. She used the laboratory methods for getting this germ out of the leaves and proved that she had the right one that had caused the trouble.

When the dark-spotted sugar-beet leaves arrived in Washington the laboratory assistant examining the leaves found numerous bacteria in the diseased spots. She isolated these bacteria from the sugar-beet leaves by the usual method and proved that she had the germ that had caused the disease.

For a long time it was thought that these two diseases were caused by two different organisms, as it was natural to suppose, and the two assistants worked out the life histories of the two germs. Then one day while they were talking about their work they discovered from the many tests they had made that instead of different germs the two were exactly alike. They were surprised at this and made many subsequent tests to prove that they had made no mistakes; then they produced the nasturtium disease on nasturtium leaves, using the germ they had gotten from the diseased beet leaves, and they produced the beet leaf disease on the sugar-beet leaves, using the germ they had gotten out of the nasturtium leaves. These last tests established their case.

As the appearance of these two diseases was entirely different on the two host plants, it is evident that the whole story about bacterial disease cannot always be determined from its history on one kind of plant. As a general rule parasites are restricted to a single crop or to closely related crops, and in some cases the time it is germ may be as destructive, or even more destructive to other plants not at all related to the plant on which the disease was first discovered.

LENTEN SEASON.
The lenten season this year will begin Ash Wednesday, February 25, and end Easter Sunday, April 12.

England has 86 women plumbers, 231 blacksmiths, 56 carpenters and 14 masons.

Lung Trouble Yielded to This Medicine

If you are suffering with Lung Trouble, or if you know of some unfortunate person so afflicted, would you take the trouble to fully investigate a medicine which has brought about complete recovery in a number of very serious cases? To Eckman's Alternative, a remedy for Throat and Lung Troubles, has been given the fullest credit of restoring health in a large number of cases. Read this: "Gentlemen: In the winter of 1903 I had an attack of Grippe, followed by Pneumonia, and later by Lung Trouble. In the winter of 1904 I had cough, night sweats, fever and raised quantities of whitish-looking sputum and later, numerous hemorrhages; at one time three in three successive days. Milk and eggs became so distasteful I could keep nothing down. Three physicians treated me. I was ordered to the mountains, but did not go. Eckman's Alternative was recommended by a friend. After taking a small quantity I had the first quiet night's sleep for weeks. My improvement was marked from the first, gained strength and weight and coughed and spit much less. Hemorrhage and my cough gradually lessened until entirely gone. I am perfectly well."

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BUCKHANNON

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

BUCKHANNON, Feb. 13.—One of the fastest games of basketball ever seen on the Wesleyan floor was played Tuesday night against Davis-Elkins. After some clean and fast playing by both teams, the locals had piled up forty points against the visitor's twenty-one.

Wesleyan has started baseball practice and every man on the squad will be ready for a good, stiff game by the beginning of the season.

Margaret Stahl rendered her reproduction of the popular novel, "Strongheart," to an audience of over 800 people Monday night in the college auditorium.

The local high school basketball team meets the Elkins high school team on the home floor Friday night. Although the Elkins bunch is one of the best teams in the state, the Buckhannon boys are in hopes of showing them a fast and exciting time.

The Rev. C. E. Bissell, pastor of the Methodist church at Philippi, was in the city Wednesday looking after business interests.

Word has been received from Charleston that the application made recently by a number of local people, to organize a company of national guards here, has been looked upon with favor by those in authority, and that in a few days an officer will be here to perfect the organization.

Frank Ross, of the Republican editorial staff, has been confined to his room for a few days with a slight attack of lagrippe.

Victor Hardman returned to the city Wednesday to resume his course at the college, after having been confined to his home at Jane Lew for several days.

C. O. Young is in Cincinnati this week attending a meeting of a commercial enterprise of which he is a director.

Freeman Phillips, of Ten Mile, was in town Wednesday attending to business matters.

Benton Queen will spend a short time with his family at his home in South Buckhannon.

V. S. Lynch and son have returned from a business trip to Parkersburg. C. E. Hiner goes East Saturday on a business trip.

Ther Rev. W. D. Hearnston has returned from Weston where he had been assisting in a revival service.

B. P. Malone has been elected town sergeant of South Buckhannon.

T. R. Hall, assistant cashier of the Traders National Bank, has been confined to his home by illness.

Harris Withers has invited his people in St. Petersburg, Fla., for the remainder of the winter.

W. E. Kiddy has purchased the Hery business owned formerly by E. F. Morrison.

W. A. Harrison, agent at Burnsville, was here with his family the first of the week.

Wade Rodenbough is improving from his recent illness.

The Grosseup Planing Mill Company has been idle for a short time, but will resume operations soon.

E. J. Roger, who has been in the dairy and other business here for quite a long time, is going out and will go to other business.

O. J. Farnsworth will soon return from the South to reopen his produce business.

B. J. Jeffries has been confined to his home for some time with rheumatism but is much better at this time.

PARKERSBURG

Business College Basketball
Proves Too Strong for Local
Business College Five.

The Mountain State Business College basketball five of Parkersburg, defeated the West Virginia Business College five in a fast and well played game on the Hoffman hall floor last evening by a score of 32 to 19. Much of the Parkersburg team, repeated his actions of the previous night against the Scholastics, and made twenty of the thirty-two points scored by his team. The local business college team is improving and with a little more practice it will have a fast team.

The line-up:

W. B. C.	M. S. B. C.
Nutter	F. Ruth
Loudin	F. Mullen
Hamilton	C. Ahrent
Crummitt	G. McCoy
Siers	G. Devore

Field goals, Parkersburg—Ruth 7, Mullen 1, Ahrent 5. Clarksburg—Nutter 7, Loudin 3, Hamilton 2, Crummitt 1.

Foul goals—Ruth 6, Crummitt 3. Referee—"Midge" Williams. Time keepers—H. Williams and Thompson.

PROGRAM

Is to be Rendered under the
Auspices of a League Here
Sunday Night.

The following program will be rendered Sunday night under the auspices of the A. C. E. League:

Instrumental solo—Mrs. Wona Turner.

Prayer—The Rev. R. French Hurley.

Address to the League—Mrs. Edgar Tupey.

Instrumental solo—Mrs. E. Hick-bottom.

Paper—Mrs. Clara Miller.

Vocal solo—Miss M. Ophelia Washington.

Paper—Mrs. Hannah Meade.

Vocal solo—Miss Willa Lee.

Selection—Mrs. B. Snell.

Paper—Mrs. Earl Green.

Phono and concert duet—Miss Beulah Green, Mr. David Green.

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